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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail DMAFR@fws.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the *Federal Register* notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, Columbia, SC; PRT-96245A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from collected from wild leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in Suriname for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens, Miami, FL; PRT-97266A

The applicant requests a permit to export a captive-born female harpy eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) to Parque Municipal Summit de Panama, Gamboa, Panama, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Mesker Park Zoo, Evansville, IN; PRT-678968

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Gruidae

Genus:

Panthera

Species:

Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*)
Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*)
Bactrian camel (*Camelus bactrianus*)
Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*)
Przewalski's horse (*Equus przewalskii*)
Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*)
Tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*)

Applicant: Gary Johnson, Perris, CA; PRT-808265

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Zoological Society of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; PRT-679328

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae
Canidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Elephantidae
Equidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay, or ocelot)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Rhinocerotidae
Accipitridae
Bucerotidae
Cathartidae
Columbidae
Cotingidae
Gruidae
Muscicapidae
Pedionomidae
Psittacidae (does not include thick-billed parrots)
Rallidae
Strigidae
Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*)
Threskiornithidae

Trogonidae
Alligatoridae
Boidae (does not include Mona boa or Puerto Rico boa)
Crocodylidae (does not include the American crocodile)
Testudinidae
Varanidae
Bufonidae

Species:

Rodrigues fruit bat (*Pteropus rodricensis*)
Central American river turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*)
Giant otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)

Applicant: Richard Ray, Farragut, TN; PRT-99438A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival.

This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR; PRT-677662

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Elephantidae
Equidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay, or ocelot)
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Hominidae
Rhinocerotidae

Applicant: Charles Salisbury, Lakeland, FL; PRT-56309A

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include Siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, IL; PRT-682781

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae
Camelidae
Canidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Equidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, ocelot, or margay)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Lorisidae
Pteropodidae
Rhinocerotidae
Tapiridae
Psittacidae (does not include thick-billed parrots)
Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*)
Crocodylidae (does not include the American crocodile)
Testudinidae

Applicant: East Coast Zoological Society dba Brevard Zoo, Melbourne, FL; PRT-036218

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their

propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Cebidae
Canidae
Cercopithecidae
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Tapiridae

Species:

Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
Grevy's Zebra (*Equus grevyi*)
Golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*)
Bali starling (*Leucopsar rothschildi*)
Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*)
Goliath frog (*Conraua goliath*)

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: **Franklin Brown, Rainbow City, AL; PRT-99428A**

Applicant: **Michael Couch, Lebanon, TN; PRT-97814A**

Applicant: **Coll John, El Paso, TX; PRT-99723A**

Applicant: **Montague James, El Paso, TX; PRT-99724A**

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